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## LOVE, CONNECTION AND SO MUCH MORE

There's something about working in deep states of awareness and sharing intimate experiences with like-minded people that opens us up—expands our heart energy. It's a magnificent feeling. Profound personal connections, both physical and nonphysical, occur during Monroe programs and last a lifetime. These connections happen so frequently that there used to be a name for them—Monromances.

Steve and Deryn Winchester, two of Monroe's brilliant program trainers, discovered their connection, their Monromance, when they attended the very first "New Year " Retreat. Deryn and Steve generously agreed to share with you the story of their fun and profound Love Connection.

Love is a small word with vast meaning and an infinite range of expressions. We loved reading Chase Carey's story. He beautifully captures the magic of a love connection that happens in a flash and lasts forever—

*Yes, well, this certainly happened to me one crisp February afternoon long ago, in the Fox Den of the Nancy Penn Center. Life partner was not to be, so soul friend I suppose. Not in touch much anymore yet my life, and everything in it, changed forever that day and the months and years following. A sweet encounter I will forever cherish. In those days such joining was referred to as a "Mon-romance," but it was, for me, so much more than that. It was a rescue. The Monroe Institute, the most sacred spot in my heart.*

How many of you have experienced something similar?

Then, there are big, strong Love Connections on a global scale—reaching out, generating and strengthening energy fields through affinity and acceptance, inviting and welcoming one and all. The ripple effect is alive and well through these three worldwide organizations:

- The Outreach Program holding weekend Monroe workshops when travel is safe
- The Local Chapter Network (LCN) hosting free virtual meetings for program grads and interested people

- the Dolphin Energy Club (DEC) offering healing energy support on request.

Since the Monroe Institute first began hosting consciousness explorers in the Gateway Voyage program—long before we offered the 30+ retreat options we have today—the Love Connection has been alive and well among participants.

There's nothing like love to spread light in the world.